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Crisis for Hellas



Fair tackle or foul? Footscray's Jim Kondaros brings down former Essendon Croatia forward, Craig Wallace, now of Brisbane Lions, in Footscray's 3-1 victory at Olympic Park last Sunday. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

Gutendorf likes tough Baxter

National coach Rudi Gutendorf is considering a possible centre back partnership of Tony Henderson (Marconi) and Stuart Baxter (South Melbourne) for the new Socceroos team.



• Tony Palumbo
APIA gets \$90,000

Vanguard Insurance, a member of the world-wide General group, will sponsor APIA for a three-year period, with a minimum guarantee of \$90,000 which could be more than doubled under an incentive scheme.

Elected APIA president, Nick Papello, is confident that the basic sponsorship of \$30,000 a year for a period of three years only the beginning of a money-making process.

"We want to introduce a new concept in soccer sponsorship," Mr Papello said. "An APIA supporters' insurance plan will be marketed, covering our members. I expect this to net us an additional bonus, possibly as much as \$200,000."

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He is also considering Footscray's Joe Picioane as the Socceroos' central mid-fielder.

However, Gutendorf stressed that at this stage, the players would be invited only to attend a trial. "It is up to them to prove their ability, their dedication, their ambition," he said during his current visit to Melbourne.

He said that former national coach Tony Boggi, now with Juventus, would be his right-hand man in Victoria.

"Tony will run training sessions every Wednesday for the Victorian players I choose for the national squad," Gutendorf said.

Boggi coached Australia in 1975 for matches against Glasgow Rangers, Manchester United, Benfica and China.

Gutendorf's assistant in Sydney is former star player Lee Baumgartner. "I will ask Johnny Warren to join us as well," he said.

He added he would ask former South Australian State coach Edmund Kreft to be his assistant in Adelaide.

Gutendorf said he was impressed with Baxter's aerial ability and his toughness. "He is only 25 years old, and he showed a lot of courage in playing against Canberra despite a broken nose on Sunday."

"This is the type of wood from which I want to carve the national team. Baxter would be a good stopper, so I would also need a good libero capable of starting attacks from behind. Henderson of Marconi is a classy player and he could be the man to fill that role."

"I am also considering Peter Wilson."

"The Footscray left back, Zdravko Lujic, is another classy player I will try out."

Marconi was this week considering a new proposal that could save the proposed tour by Italy's leading club, AC Milan.

Marconi wanted to play against Milan in Sydney but under a ruling of the Australian Soccer Federation, Philips League clubs are not allowed to play against visiting teams mid-season.

The ASF then suggested that if Marconi wanted to make sure Milan comes to Sydney, Marconi and perhaps APIA should underwrite the costs involved.

POINTS DEDUCTION SPELLS DISASTER

Philips League club South Melbourne Hellas was expected at the time we went to Press to lose three competition points for playing an unregistered player.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian le Fevre said South Melbourne used left back Tony Turner in three league matches although:

- Turner was not cleared by his club or by the English Football Association;
- He was not cleared by the ASF to play in Australia and
- He had not been issued with a registration number or a registration card to play in the Philips League.

Mr le Fevre said that as recently as Friday morning, the English FA had sent the ASF a letter saying that Turner was not cleared.

The cable had been requested by the ASF to clarify Turner's status.

Mr le Fevre said Turner's former club, Hedleston United from the West Midlands League, had complained directly to the ASF and presumably to the English FA about Turner.

Mr le Fevre said Hedleston apparently wanted a 1000 pound transfer fee for Turner.

The ASF had a letter delivered to South Melbourne by courier last Friday, asking the club to show cause why it should not lose the three points it had gained to that time.

The points were for a 1-0 win against Sydney Olympic and a 2-2 draw with Heidelberg.

Turner was left out of the team that drew 1-1 with Canberra last Sunday.

Mr le Fevre said the PSL management committee was the body with the responsibility of taking any action against South Melbourne.

He said that if the ASF considered such action insufficient, it had the power to increase the penalty or to impose a penalty where none has been imposed.

Mr le Fevre said it appeared that all Turner had when he came to Australia about four months ago was a letter from his club saying that the club had cancelled his contract. Mr le Fevre said this did not remove the necessity for a proper transfer, a clearance from the English FA and issue of a registration number and card by the Philips League.

South Melbourne manager-coach Dave Maclaren said the confusion was the result of a "misunderstanding" between Turner and Hedleston.

"There was a private financial agreement between the club and the player which apparently had not been met," Maclaren said.

"That's the reason the club protested to the ASF. However, Turner has since spoken to Hedleston officials by phone and the problem between the two has been resolved," he claimed.

"South Melbourne acted in good faith and if there was any difficulty with his clearance, one would think that we would have been told soon after he joined us, not at this late stage."

A redistribution of points gained by South Melbourne would

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result in Sydney Olympic being given back the two points it lost to Souths and Heidelberg being granted one point it lost in its 2-2 draw.

Presumably, goals scored by South Melbourne in those games would be removed, while goals scored against the club would stand.

Olympic would jump from seventh to second position with six points, Heidelberg would move from ninth to fourth place with five points, and South Melbourne, with one point, would tumble to last position.



Brian le Fevre

Tony Turner

COMING SOON



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Wilson leaving

Victorian State League club Altona City was stunned this week when coach Joe Wilson announced he is leaving Australia.

Wilson, the longest-serving coach in the State League, leaves the country on May 18 for England, where he and his family will live permanently.

Altona expects to appoint a successor to the popular Wilson within two weeks.

"The family and I came here six years ago," said Wilson, "and for the past 12 months we've been thinking of going back home. We got a little homesick, and decided we would have a go at re-settling."

Before coming to Australia Wilson played with Wolves and Nottingham Forest, and was player/manager of Wokington.

Gutendorf seeks explosiveness

National coach Rudi Gutendorf is looking for players with a special gift as he currently travels the country in search of talent for his national team.

What Gutendorf seeks are skilful players with explosive, dynamic qualities.

The player in Australia who most epitomises the qualities the national coach is looking for is **Mark Jankovics**.

Gutendorf did not tell me this, but I do know that it is dynamic players he wants for his national squad and there is no more dynamic player currently playing in Australia than **Jankovics**.

All coaches have a preference for a certain style of player and a certain team style.

Usually a team will reflect a coach's own personality.

A composed, even-tempered coach will usually produce a team that plays to his own temperament.

Sydney City, with its dethroned **Gerry Chaldi**, is a classic example of this.

Manchester United, under its dynamic extroverted manager **Tommy Docherty**, played a totally different, swashbuckling style, to that which is played under the management of his successor the reflective **Dave Sexton**.

Gutendorf, himself a dynamic, aggressive, and driving personality, obviously admires those qualities in the players he selects.

This can have a profound

effect on the chances of players seeking selection in the national team.

Take the two Adelaide teams.

West Adelaide has two gifted, dynamic midfielders in **Peter Boyle** and **Noel McGachey**.

They play to the explosive direct pattern that has characterised West Adelaide teams for several years.

On the other hand Adelaide City has played a cultured, composed style in recent years.

Its midfielders, **John Perin** and **Gary Marocchi**, have typified that style. The edge in national team selection will favour the West Adelaide pair.

Similarly, at Heidelberg you have the talented and composed **Branko Buljevic** in the same front line as the aggressive, explosive running striker **Gary Cole**.

Indeed, he has said that he is impressed by the mercurial little winger, **Joe Watson**, a man who relies mainly on sheer skill, with few of the athletic qualities which Gutendorf seeks in conjunction with skill.

Gutendorf is an intelligent man and obviously will not be totally dogmatic on the style of players he prefers.

Just as a boxing bout between two stylists can be extremely dull, the same can happen in a soccer game.

Success comes to players and teams with varying styles.

APIA's **Jim Adam** likes "explosive" players best.

He inherited such a team at West Adelaide and we know the result.

The current APIA team will play to Adam's preferred style.

Sydney City won the first Philips League championship with beautiful touch-soccer, delicate yet effective.

That is how **Gerry Chaldi** likes his teams to play.

Coaches have different personalities, so do teams.

Thank God for that.

It would be dull to see every team play the classical style Soccer displayed by Sydney City.

Just as a boxing bout between two stylists can be extremely dull, the same can happen in a soccer game.

The Australian national team under Rudi Gutendorf will not play to the classic mould, just as it did not under

the dour, aggressive **Rate Raicic**.

It might, if it were coached by **Gerry Chaldi** or **Roel Blanco**.

Style does not guarantee success. What does is the effectiveness of the players and the coach working to the style they prefer.

Australia under Gutendorf will be organised, hard working, dynamic and hopefully skilful.

In the search for explosive fitness some coaches overtrain their players.

This possibly happened to Gutendorf's under 19s who became jaded under the severe physical routine he imposed on them, as he sought to exploit their "athletic qualities".

He will have learned from that error, if this was the case.

He has a formidable task which is really just starting as he searches for the players on whom, in the final analysis, everything will depend.



Marconi's Mark Jankovics — the explosive type of player national coach Rudi Gutendorf is looking for.

This can have a profound

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Reunion on 21st birthday

• The 1922 Box Hill team, back row (left to right) unknown, A. Greaves, N. Sawyer, C. Willis, J. Reid, W. Craddock (secretary). Seated — J. Platt, unknown, J. Bailey, A. Fotheringham, W. Johnson. At front — A. Marsden, J. English.

A unique repeat of history could prove to be a lucky omen for Victorian First Division clubs Ringwood City and Box Hill.

The two Victorian First Division clubs are involved in a freak co-incidence which shows that truth is often stranger than fiction.

Twenty-one years ago, Ringwood City played Box Hill in a State League match at Wembley Park, Box Hill. Noting out of the ordinary, you say.

But the 1958 game was the opening of the season. This Sunday at Wembley Park, Box Hill and Ringwood City meet in the opening of the 1979 season.

This year is the 21st anniversary for Wembley Park, the Hillmen's home ground. It's ironic that the team which played the first game on the ground should return for the first league game in the 21st birthday year.

Playing for Ringwood in that 1958 game was Harry Luyten. On Sunday

his son John Luyten will line up for Ringwood.

In the Box Hill team of 21 years ago were **Tommy White** and **Walter Patterson**. Sons of both these players are in the Box Hill first team squad today, and will line up against Ringwood.

White is now coach of Box Hill.

Ringwood City won the 1958 game 4-1 after Box Hill's **Noel Kenny** had put the Hillmen into the lead. This was the first goal scored at Wembley Park.

Ringwood went on to win the Dockey Cup in 1958, the only time the club has won the competition.

In 1959, Ringwood won its first and only State League championship. If reality is to follow the path of history, Ringwood will be in for a successful couple of seasons thanks to the early season meeting with Box Hill.

Box Hill too can look forward to a successful 1979. After the loss to Ringwood City in the first game of 1958, the Hillmen recovered to have their best-ever season in the State League,

finishing fifth after being much closer to the lead during the season.

Box Hill won the old First Division (Victoria's premier competition until the formation of the VSF and the State League) in 1948.

Box Hill has been preoccupied with history of late. Recently, the club was presented with a photograph of the 1922 senior team. The 1922 team was the first Box Hill team to play competitive games.

Tom Bateman of Greensborough soccer club made the presentation of the framed photograph, which is in surprisingly good quality, to Box Hill president **Mike Davidson**.

Mr. Bateman's wife's father played for Box Hill, and the photograph had been handed down through the family. Mr. Bateman's gesture was much appreciated by Box Hill.

Box Hill started off in the Fourth Division of the old Victorian Soccer Association, and won the league championship in 1925. — **KYLE PATTERSON**.

Croatia seeks \$1 mil. site

Victorian State League champion Essendon Croatia is planning to buy 20 acres of land in suburban Keilor for \$250,000.

But reports suggest the club is split on the idea, with one group claiming that buying the land would ruin Croatia.

Manager **Frank Burke** is confident the club will buy the land, which would have junior ground, a training pitch and a main ground, plus a car park and clubrooms after completion of the first stage.

Burke said club members would supply the bulk of finance and labour.

Opponents to the plan claim Croatia would be paying \$6000 a month on the land at an interest rate of 20%. These factors, say the group, make it impossible for Croatia to develop such a complex.

It's unlikely Croatia would receive assistance from any council.

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PHILIPS CUP FIELD TAKES SHAPE

The draw for the 1979 Philips Cup will be made in Sydney today (April 4) and the first round will be played on Anzac Day, April 25.

The first rounds of the competition will be played on a regional basis to restrict travel expenses.

The entrants are:

NSW — Marconi, Sydney City, APIA, St George, Sydney Olympic and probably Sydney Croatia, Sutherland, Auburn and Melita Eagles.

VICTORIA — South Melbourne, Heidelberg Utd, Footscray, Essendon Croatia, George Cross, Preston Makedonia and Hakoah St Kilda.

QUEENSLAND — Brisbane City, Brisbane Lions, South Side Eagles, St George Souths and Ipswich Utd.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA — Adelaide City, West Adelaide.

Schoolboys' Cup is a slick move

Details of the richest and most exciting schoolboy soccer promotion ever attempted by an Australian club will be announced later this week by leading Australian company, Westfield Limited and the Sydney City "Slickers."

Among other things, the shopping mall giant \$10,000 into the Lord Mayor's Cup, a knock-out competition for schools in the City of Sydney area.

Games will be played before all the Slickers' home games this year.

The sponsorship will come in the form of soccer equipment — nets, balls, shirts, coaching material — a sliding scale basis depending on how many schools participate in the Lord Mayor's Cup.

Competing schools, among them the prestigious GPS Sydney Grammar School, Cranbrook College and Moriah College, will receive magnificent perpetual shields for their respective Player of the Year awards.

Sydney City will provide coaching courses for teachers and students, make its players available for promotional activities and foot the bill for referees and linesmen for the tournaments.

The Lord Mayor's Cup is sure to create interest at the Slickers' home matches as many of the outstanding youngsters in Sydney attend some of the competing schools — Cleveland Street Boys High, Moriah College, Randwick North High, Christian Brothers, City, Sydney Grammar School, Maroubra High, Cranbrook College, Vaucluse High, Dover Heights High and Matraville High.

Local sportsmasters are delighted about the competition and the promotional activities of Sydney City within their schools.



Sydney's Lord Mayor Ald. Meers (centre) with Sydney City officials Andrew Lederer (left) and Frank Lowy who is also chairman of the Westfield Corporation.

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side and three of the following four teams — Azzurri, Adelaide Croatia, Elizabeth and Cumberland.

ACT — Canberra City, West Woden.

NORTHERN NSW — Newcastle KB Utd, Edgeworth Eagles.

TASMANIA — White Eagles.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA — Kingsway Olympic.

The three entrants from the South Australian State League will not be known until Friday night, April 6, after the completion of selection games.

Four teams — Croatia, Azzurri, Elizabeth and Cumberland — are vying for three places in the Philips Cup.

The draw will be made with name plates 'SA 1', 'SA 2' and 'SA 3' to represent the South Australian teams. The winner of the selection competition will become 'SA 1' with the second and third teams following in order.

South Australia is the only State which has a special competition to decide Philips Cup entries.

All 10 SA State League teams took part in the selection games. Results were —

PRELIMINARY ROUND — Campbelltown City 1, Para Hills 1 (C'town won 5-4 on pens), Beograd 3, Lion 0.

FIRST ROUND — Cumberland 1, Enfield Victoria 0, Elizabeth 2, Polonia 1, Croatia 2, Campbelltown 0.

SEMI FINALS — Croatia 0, Azzurri 3, Elizabeth 0, Cumberland 2.

Play-offs for first and second (Azzurri v Cumberland) and third place (Croatia v Elizabeth), will be played this Friday.

In NSW, it's likely the top four teams from last season — Croatia, Sutherland, Auburn and Melita — will play in the Philips Cup.

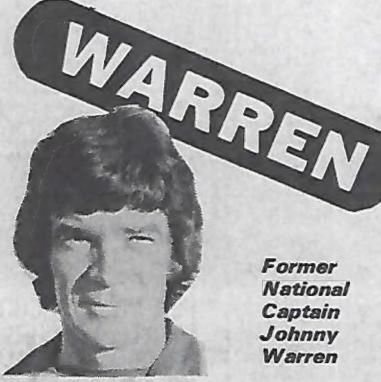
There is some doubt because the NSW Soccer Federation has some minor complaints about the format. NSW secretary **Audley Brown** said he 'wasn't prepared to divulge the nature of the complaints.'

Most State Federations have nominated the major trophy winners from 1978 as the Philips Cup entrants.

Until the quarter final stage, interstate travel by teams will be minimal. One South Australian team must travel to Western Australia for the first round, and a Victorian team will play in Tasmania.

A Queensland or NSW club will have to travel interstate.

Travel arrangements for the second round will not be known until after the first round is played. — KYLE PATTERSON.



Former National Captain Johnny Warren

Lord Mayor's Cup Competition 1979: PRELIMINARY ROUND

Game 1 April 8, Matraville v Cleveland St.

Game 2 April 22, Vaucluse v Maroubra Bay.

Game 3 May 6, Winner (G2) v Moriah.

Game 4 June 3, Winner (G1) v Dover Heights.

Game 5 July 1, Cranbrook v Randwick North.

Game 6 July 8, CBC City v Grammar.

Game 7 July 29, Winner (G3) v Winner (G4).

Game 8 August 19, Winner (G5) v Winner (G6).

Game 9 September 16, Winner (G7) v Winner (G8).

START: 1.30 — 30 minutes each way, 5 minutes half time.

VENUE: Wentworth Park.

IF DRAWN: Shoot out to take

place.

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— referee selects goal.

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vate Colleges to play soccer, let alone compete in an open competition.

Now, thanks to Westfield and Sydney City, soccer has an open league involving State public schools as well as the private schools.

From Westfield's direct financial involvement there will be considerable follow-up support for the Lord Mayor's Cup.

Sydney City players will appear in all Westfield centres around Sydney to promote soccer with demonstrations, clinics and films.

Westfield will also produce superb posters to promote the cup which will be ready for distribution shortly to schools, junior clubs and supporters of soccer.

The first match for the Lord Mayor's Cup will be played on Sunday as the curtain-raiser to Sydney City and Footscray at Wentworth Park.

Kick-off time is 1.30, with teams playing 30 minutes each way.

Should the match be drawn, an American-style shoot-out will determine which school will proceed to the next round.

Matraville meets my old school, Cleveland Street, in the first round on Sunday.

Sydney City players will hold coaching clinics at the respective schools during the week before their Lord Mayor's Cup game.

With world Cup stars Todd Clarke and Terry Smith will assist me with promotions at Matraville and Cleveland Street.

Even Olympic has an edge

By MIKE JOHNSON

The resurgence of Sydney teams in the Philips League does not surprise me, as anyone who read my recent article would testify.

I return to this topic today because there seems to be a prevailing opinion that Sydney is finished as a centre of Australian soccer.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Success in professional sport today goes to those who have the numbers playing and the money to exploit them.

Sydney is still far and away the dominant soccer centre in the nation.

I say this not out of any feeling of patriotism toward Sydney where I happen to live, but because it is fact.

Marconi, St George, Sydney City and APIA all have big, successful social clubs which provide money for top players and facilities.

Such social clubs are not possessed by soccer clubs in Melbourne, Newcastle, Canberra, Brisbane or Adelaide.

Neither can any of those centres match the numbers of boys available to the major Sydney clubs.

There are an estimated 150,000 boys playing soccer in Sydney.

There are some 6000 playing in the St George area alone, while neighboring Sutherland has more than 10,000 to draw on.

It is true that smaller provincial cities such as Newcastle and Canberra, and I hope eventually Hobart and Perth, draw more multi-national spectators who are more intensive in their support for their team.

However, they will not match the Sydney giants until they possess stable, successful social clubs and a greater number of young players.

The one Sydney Philips league club which is on a par with those in other centres is Sydney Olympic which does not have access to masses of youngsters or social club money.

This is one of the reasons it has not won a trophy in more than a decade and a half.

It happens that this year it has assembled a better playing squad than any it has possessed in the past.

In McIntosh and Eaton it has two fine strikers who will bring the goals that so many Sydney Olympic teams have lacked in the past.

These are backed by superb players in goalie Gary Melor, central defenders George Gibson and Richie Bell, plus the extremely experienced utility players Paul Cotter and Alan Almeida and several skilled midfielders.

There is also a highly experienced coach in Jim Marston to lead this strong squad.

What Sydney Olympic currently lacks is the organisation and facilities of the other major Sydney clubs.

Marconi and St George, each with their own stadiums, own floodlit training grounds, thriving social clubs and well-organised junior systems, are the models all others will have to match if they wish to achieve continuing success through the eighties.



Mike Milovanovic and Alun Evans (right) strike a wild dance pose in the South Melbourne-Canberra PSL match last Sunday. At left is Duncan Cummings who scored for Souths in the 1-1 draw. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

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Canberra City	1	0	1	3	4	1	1	5
West Adelaide	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	5
Sydney Olympic	2	0	0	4	0	0	2	3
Marconi	0	1	1	4	5	1	0	4
Heidelberg Utd	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	2
South Melbourne	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	3
Adelaide City	0	0	2	2	5	1	1	7
Brisbane Lions	0	0	2	3	5	1	0	2
APIA-Leichhardt	0	0	2	1	4	1	0	1
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PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

Number of appearances in brackets:

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BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 6, Spearritt 6, Hermiston 7, Bennett 6, Niven 6, Amos 8, Lawrie 7, Wilson 5 (Russell 65th), McGregor 6, Wallance 5, Brennan 5 (Ogden 82nd).

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 CANTERBERRA 1. Ratings by Bobby McLachlan: STH MELB: Reilly 6, Kalafatidis 6, Munro 7, Baxter 7, Kyriakoules 6, Lutton 6 (Wright 82nd), Cummings 6, Davidson 6, Drakford 6, Christopoulos 82nd), Evans 6, Campbell 6.

CANTERBERRA: Hosszowski 7, Moulis 8, Brown 7, Stark 8, Milovanovic 7, Cant 7, Farrell 6 (Hogg 65th), Davies 7, Salgado 6 (Kawaleka 75th), Byrne 8, Fielding 6.

WEST ADELAIDE 1 HEIDELBERG 0. Ratings by Meno Toutsidis.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 (Service 8, half time), Bozanic 6, Reynolds 7, McGachey 6, Kambas 8, Jones 8, Boyle 8, Pillans 6, Honeyman 6, Zervas 6, Tymczyszyn 7.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 8, McMillan 7, Provan 6, O'Reilly 6 (Selenidis 7), Tansey 7, Rooney 7, Taylor 7, Campbell 6, Bannon 7, Cole 6, Buljevic 7.

MARCONI 4 ADELAIDE CITY 4. Ratings by Eddie Katnic.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Barry 6, (Brogan 7, 45th min), Prskalo 7, Mariani 6, Degney 6, Lindsay 6 (Russell 77th min), Henderson 8, Byrne 8, Krnecic 7, Jankovic 7, Sharne 7.

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Canberra City	1	0	1	3
West Adelaide	1	1	0	2
Sydney Olympic	2	0	0	4
Marconi	0	1	1	4
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Canberra City centre back Roy Stark slides in to foil George Campbell in the 1-1 draw with South Melbourne. At rear is Canberra's Isaac Farrell. Picture by SAM BELFONTE

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Brisbane gets John Russell

Sydney Croatia's brilliant midfield player John Russell, (pictured) has joined Brisbane City for an undisclosed sum.

City also signed Tony Brennan, a promising player from Queensland State League club Southside Eagles.

Brennan, a former schoolboy Rugby Union international, played Rugby League pre-season this year in protest against a \$6000 transfer fee sought for him.

He is believed to have transferred for \$3000.

Meanwhile, three coaches have been named to run weekly training courses for national team candidates to be named by Socceroo coach Rudy Gutendorf.

The three men are Walter Tamandl, former Prague star now living in Brisbane, State coach Fred Robin and Fred Kingshott of the Queensland Coaches Federation.



It's tough for Kondarios, Drinkwater

The Philips League top four — Newcastle, Brisbane City, Footscray and Sydney City — are involved in difficult matches this week which will either consolidate their positions or produce a new set of leaders.

And Marconi, after its fight-back to 4-4 against Adelaide City last weekend, may clinch a second bonus point when it meets struggling St. George.

The busiest defenders in the league this week will be Footscray's Jim Kondarios and Newcastle's Roy Drinkwater.

Kondarios will mark Sydney City's Terry Smith who scored a hat-trick in the 5-0 victory over St. George last Saturday.

Drinkwater will probably mark Adelaide City's Dixie Deans who with six goals so far, is the top scorer in the league.

If Newcastle loses to Adelaide City in Adelaide, it could still hold top spot on goal difference.

Brisbane City's commendable run is likely to end when it meets Heidelberg.



Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Nigel Lowndes rejoices after Footscray had squandered a scoring chance. Still, Footscray won 3-1.

Watson, Souness: 'no witnesses'

Sydney City players Joe Watson and Ian Souness received a reprieve at the Phillips League disciplinary committee last week.

They had been charged by FIFA referee Tony Boskovic with kicking in the door of the referees' room after their club's clash with Marconi at Wentworth Park.

The report was found unproven due to a lack of eye witness evidence. Watson and Souness claimed before the committee that they had scuffed with each other and accidentally kicked and fell on the door. They were found guilty of ungentlemanly conduct for fighting.

Each was required to post a \$100 bond which will be forfeited if they become similarly involved over the rest of the season.

They have been required to tender written apologies to referee Boskovic.

Souness, along with Kevin Mullen, missed Saturday's match against St George in any case, as he was sent off for dangerous play in the course of the match when he brought down run away Marconi winger Peter Sharne.

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IN CANBERRA

Canberra City v West Adelaide, Bruce Stadium, Saturday, 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY

Sydney Olympic v APIA-Leichhardt, Pratten Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

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Marconi v St. George, Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN MELBOURNE

Heidelberg v Brisbane City, Olympic Park No. 1 ground, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE

Adelaide City v Newcastle KB Utd., Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane Lions v South Melbourne, Perry Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

NEW MARCONI MEN

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FOOTSCRAY 3
BRIS. LIONS 1

Scorers: Footscray: Kon-daros 20th; Plicicena 37th & 37th; Lions: Sclarritt 89th.

Ground: Olympic Park greyhound stadium, Melbourne.

Weather: Mild.

Referee: Chris Bambridge (VIC) 7.

Cautions: Illoski (Foots), Lounds (BL).

Crowd: 3123.

Footscray could have scored seven goals, but slack marking by some of the defenders would have given Brisbane Lions a few more as well.

Radoslav Jovicic will have to tighten up his defensive play, especially this week against Sydney City. **Zdravko Lulic**, too, made a few uncharacteristic mistakes against Lions, although his attacking play was often quite spectacular.

Midfielder Slobodan Jovanovic had his worst game since arriving from Yugoslavia, and so he can only get better. he and the others will have to be at their best if they hope to beat Sydney City.

As usual in games against Lions Joe Plicicena with the best player on the ball. His forward passes were a delight to watch and both of his goals were nothing short of incredible.

For the first, he controlled a ball from **Mondi Ristovski** in mid-air with that Brazilian flair before slamming it high into the net.

His second goal came from a brilliant angled shot just inside the far post.

Jim Kondaros got the first goal in the 20th minute. **Peter Ollerton** went up for a corner from **Joe Paluszak**, and his header cleared off a defender to Kondaros who shot it home with his left foot.

Lions fielded a reshuffled team due to the absence of injured **Barrie Fairbrother**, midfielder **Alan Hughes** and winger **Paul Ontong**, who had been dropped to the reserves. Striker **Tony Brannen**, winger-midfielder **Tony McGregor** and midfielder **John Russell** (from Sydney Croatian) were the new men in the team.

Despite some good defending by **Jim Hermitson**, Lions were powerless against the Footscray onslaught, which produced three goals in 17-minute period of the first half.

Holding a 3-0 half-time lead, Footscray had the incentive to build up a four-goal margin to gain a bonus point. This kept the game alive with breathtaking attacking play as both teams gave it everything they had — Footscray to gain an extra point and Lions to score a goal to prevent Footscray from gaining that point.

Had Paluszak and Ristovski taken advantage of enough full-time attacking running by Peter Ollerton, Footscray would have scored the goal it needed. But, Paluszak and Ristovski tried unsuccessfully to score themselves after getting into the penalty area, instead of slipping the ball to Ollerton who was unmarked.

In the first few minutes of the game, Footscray got into trouble in defence when a back-heeler by Lujic went to an opponent and when a short clearance by Kondaros was picked up by a grateful Lion.

Footscray should have been awarded a penalty in the 5th minute, but referee **Chris Bambridge** apparently thought Ristovski would score anyway as he sped into the penalty area being grabbed by the shirt by Hermitson. Bambridge's confidence proved ill-placed, as Ristovski's shot was blocked by goalkeeper **Nigel Lowndes**. The ball rebounded to Ollerton whose shot was cleared off the line by **Alan Niven**.

Footscray goalkeeper **Steve Potter** had a brilliant match. Four of the shots he saved were very dangerous, but he did all his work with the confidence of a true professional and he was near faultless on high balls (he dropped only one).

Tony Brannen who, together with **Craig Wallace**, were sighted only rarely, came close to scoring for Lions when he got away in a break but Jovicic dispossessed him with a desperate tackle from behind. Then Potter made a good save from McGregor as the Footscray defence became more and more solid.

Ian Lawrie was working hard in Lions' midfield, but his finishing let him down badly. He missed twice from inside the area.

Just before half time Bambridge showed the yellow card to Nigel Lowndes for kicking the ball away after a free kick had been awarded to Footscray for a foul by Niven on Plicicena. As the half went on, he scored its chance, Lions pushed him into a more offensive role and **Steve Amos** became better and better in Lions' midfield. **Craig Wallace**, the former Essendon Crook, had a good game, but failed to score from 10 metres and, at the other end, Ristovski put the ball into the net only to be ruled offside.

With one minute left to play, Lions announced a consolation goal when **former-coach Eddie Speeritt**, who had been playing at right back, headed home a cross from Lawrie.

Alex Vesic

SYDNEY C. 5
ST GEORGE 0

Scorers: Smith (SC) 31st, 55th, 74th; Stevenson 25th, Barnes 62nd.

Ground: St George Stadium, Sydney.

Crowd: 1783

Weather: Rainy.

Referee: Barnes (SC), Smith (SC)

Scorer: Richard Lorenz 7.

For the second time in three weeks St George failed to impress at its new home ground, and only some poor finishing by Sydney City kept the score at 0-0.

St George started well enough and it should have been one up in the first quarter of an hour it should have been Joe **Galei**'s man. **Phil O'Connor** played the ball wide to **John O'Shea** in the 11th minute, then raced into the area to accept a perfect pass by his midfielder, but could not control the ball as it ran off his chest and into the arms of a waiting **Todd Clarke**.

In a few minutes later, Clarke had to dive quickly to save a well-measured shot by O'Connor, and just managed to push the ball away for a corner.

Sydney City, despite a good warm up before the game, started very slowly and did not show much until the game was 20 minutes old. Then, after one solitary mistake by a defender, they assumed superiority which they held for the rest of the game.

Brendan Grossie failed to stop the ball on the slippery ground, which gave **Hilton Silva** his first goal of the game. His follow-up shot was missed by **Steve Hoszowski** but little trouble usually plays as striker.

The early exchanges were even, with the teams testing each other out. Indeed, it took 15 minutes before the first shot was fired in by **Ken Drakeford**, but Canberra goalkeeper **Steve Hoszowski** had little trouble to work for almost the full 90 minutes.

Olympic's hero undoubtedly was tall goalkeeper **Gary Meier**, for although he made several early changes, he produced some truly amazing acrobatic saves to prevent at least three others.

The rest of the Olympic side played in fit and starts, although defender **Ricke Bell** ran his heart out, pushing forward desperately late in the match.

In the 25th minute, **Ernie Campbell** found **John Stevenson** in space with a well-measured pass. The City mid-fielder ran unopposed into the area, then coolly lobbed the advancing keeper to give his team the first of five goals.

Only six minutes later, St George should have been on even terms. A determined run by O'Connor saw the St George forward go past **Alan Kershaw** and goalkeeper Clarke. With inches to shoot at, O'Connor managed to guide the ball wide, but **Steve O'Connor** was on the spot to clear.

Play became scrappy but the Canberra mid-field four was coming more and more into the game and in the 35th minute, from one of **Danny Moulis**' many overlapping raids, the visitors took the lead.

Moulis shrugged off two tackles and crossed a glorious ball to the feet of **Terry Byrne**, who gleefully slammed it home.

It was almost 2-0 a minute later when an unwise back pass by Munro caught goalkeeper **Jack Reilly** unaware, but Reilly just managed to scramble the ball away for a corner.

So the interval was reached at 1-0, with Canberra very much in command.

But a different South Melbourne emerged after half time and the opening minutes saw Hoszowski's goal under siege.

The gamble paid off, somehow a week ago in Brisbane, but badly misfired at St George's stadium.

In the 55th minute, Watson crossed to the near post for **Smith** to flick home the easiest of goals.

Only seven minutes later, **Rudolfo Della Pica** obtained Ernie Campbell on the edge of the St George goal-line. **John Stevenson** took the near post, **Murray Barnes** came in to flick home the easiest of headers past the bewildered St George defence.

In the last twenty minutes, St George battled to save face. In the space of two minutes, City had three chances to increase the lead. Campbell, Stevenson then Barnes were the offenders, with the St George defence at skies and sevens.

In the 74th minute, Watson again found Peter Terpstra before slipping a cross into the six-yard box. Three defenders attempted to clear, but missed. **Terpstra** was quick to exploit the situation, and snared the ball from the legs of Grossie before hitting a low drive past Hoszowski.

Canberra coach **Vic Fernandez** had achieved his minimum aim a draw and he can feel well satisfied by the standard of possession soccer shown by his team.

National coach **Rudi Gutendorf**, who was an interested spectator at the game, was impressed by Canberra.

South Melbourne, on the other hand, again promised so much but gave so little.

One frustrating aspect of the match was referee **Neale**, who although doing quite a good job technically, performed at times like a celebrated magician, producing yellow cards out of thin air to no fewer than four players — Cummings, Baxter, Roy Stark and **Keni Kavaleva** with ten minutes to go.

St George started well, but failed to finish. Knocked out at that second goal in the 31st minute, the team never recovered and was soundly beaten.

Joe Galei will have to take a hard, long look at his team, which has conceded 11 goals in three matches.

Bob McLachlan

STH MELB. 1
CANBERRA 1

Scorers: Byrne (Can) 35th; Cummings (SM) 53rd.

Ground: Middle Park, Melbourne.

Crowd: 5200

WEATHER: Mild

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St George started well enough and it should have been one up in the first quarter of an hour it should have been Joe **Galei**'s man. **Phil O'Connor** played the ball wide to **John O'Shea** in the 11th minute, then raced into the area to accept a perfect pass by his midfielder, but could not control the ball as it ran off his chest and into the arms of a waiting **Todd Clarke**.

In an effort to get his mid-field functioning smoothly, South Melbourne manager **Dave MacLachlan** decided to give under 19 international **Alan Davidson** his first full game, alongside the experienced **Bertie Lutton** and **Duncan Cummings** who usually plays as striker.

The early exchanges were even, with the teams testing each other out. Indeed, it took 15 minutes before the first shot was fired in by **Ken Drakeford**, but Canberra goalkeeper **Steve Hoszowski** had little trouble to work for almost the full 90 minutes.

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Play became scrappy but the Canberra mid-field four was coming more and more into the game and in the 35th minute, from one of **Danny Moulis**' many overlapping raids, the visitors took the lead.

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Moments later, **Dave Pillans** fired a powerful ground shot but Banovic handled it easily.

Heidelberg looked good in midfield, where **Jim Rooney** was in fine touch, but long striding striker **Gary Cole** and his partner **Branko Buljevic** couldn't shake off Jones and Kambas.

West opened the second half very confidently and Bozanic neatly swept past two players before cracking a sizzling 25 metre shot which narrowly missed the bottom left hand corner.

But Heidelberg, which had not beaten West in their previous four PSL matches, launched several promising forward thrusts.

Buljevic looked set to score in the 55th minute, but mistimed his header after a free kick.

However he was on target 10 minutes later with a powerful header to the far corner, but substitute goalkeeper **Sam Service** made a timely interception.

Service replaced **Marty Crook** at half time because Crook had a migraine headache and blurred vision.

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NOW TO THE NITTY-GRITTY

Makedonia, Hakoah, Croatia best bets

By KYLE PATTERSON

The carnival is over for Victorian State League clubs. The grind of the league championship is about to start and with it the return of pressure-cooker football.

There's no doubt league soccer is vastly different to Cup football. There will be few 6-5 thrillers in the league championship and a lot more 0-0 draws.

"Go for a point, and if we win it's a bonus," will be the attitude of many clubs once the teams sort themselves out. As in past seasons, there will probably be three distinct groups within the league — the leaders, the relegation-threatened and the in-betweens.

Last season three teams struggled all season — **Albion Rovers**, **Altona City** and **Ringwood City**. **Essendon Croatia** and **Preston Makedonia** led the field for most of the journey, tailed but rarely threatened by **Hakoah St Kilda**, **George Cross**, **Prahran Slavia** and **Sunshine**.

The remaining clubs — **Green Gully Ajax**, **Frankston City** and **Juventus** were the also-rans.

I'm a glutton for punishment when it comes to making predictions. The Kyle Patterson kiss of death spells disaster for teams.

My predictions in the Ampol Cup semi-finals were both wrong and in the final I gave Slavia the kiss of death.

To cause more anger from followers of State League clubs, I'm going to predict in which group I think each club will fall into.

THE LEADERS — Essendon Croatia, Preston Makedonia, Hakoah St Kilda.

THE CHALLENGERS — Croydon City, Prahran Slavia, Green Gully.

THE RELEGATION — THREATENED — Albion Rovers, Altona City, Sunshine City.

THE ALSO-RANS — Juventus, George Cross, Frankston City.

Please keep abusive letters to less than 10 words!

ESSENDON CROATIA v ALBION ROVERS

Selwyn Park, Sunshine

Saturday, April 7.

2.45 pm.

Essendon Croatia will line up a much-changed team to the one which took off the 1978 championship. Gone are goalkeepers **Yakka Banovic**, defender **John Gardiner**, forward **John Vojtek** and midfielder **Howard Andrews**.

Replacements are goalkeeper **Perry**, **Steve Short** and **Keith Adams**.

However, Croatia still has a formidable team capable of retaining the championship. Should the club look like slipping early in the season, you can guarantee money will be spent to



Slavia's Jamie Paton (right), top State League scorer for 1979, shoots past Ajax's sweeper John Cain in the Ampol Cup final.



• **Albion Rovers**, the club that has undergone more changes than any other, due to players winning a breach-of-contract case against the club and gaining free transfers. This is last year's team, standing from left: Ken Ashton (massager), Noel Mitten (now Frankston), Jeff Olvér (now Heidelberg), Bobby Nibet, Alan Quinn (left club), Bill McCormick, Frank Campbell (training with Austria), Billy Cree (former coach). Front: Steve Blair, Bill McIntyre, Kit Grechian, John Davidson (returned to Perth), Danny McCluskey (now Frankston), Mick Emin (now Royal Park).

with the hard-working **Steve Aldridge**.

It will be interesting to see Croydon coach **Mike Plunkett**'s defensive strategy. Croydon fell down in the Ampol Cup semi-final because Slavia's strikers played well close together in the middle.

McCombe and sweeper **Alan Pengho** had to mark direct opponents, which meant the Croydon defence was continually pulled out of position and was often square.

Ajax coach **Bill Vojtek** eliminated that danger by playing virtually with three centre backs. Left back **John Paton** marked **Paton**, **Mick Klarin** took **Alridge** and **John Cain** was left to sweep.

Croydon may try a similar plan but, whatever, it's obvious the defensive must allow for a free man to counter the speed of **Paton** and **Williams**, and the intelligent running of **Aldridge**.

Both teams are evenly matched, and have their share of top players.

PREDICTION: A score draw.

HAZAKAH AJAX at Middle Park South Melbourne

Sunday, April 8, 3 pm.

When Hakoah and Ajax locked horns in the Ampol Cup semi-final, the game looked set to be a draw. Ninth-side could seize control and it looked as though extra time would be needed.

Fate intervened, and Hakoah goalkeeper Bill Whiteside let a long-range shot from **Dave Perkins** (and the game) slip through his hands.

The opening round clash between Hakoah and Ajax will be another tight affair with a single goal again deciding the matter.

However, on the carpet-like surface of Middle Park, the game should provide a deal of entertainment.

Middle Park suits Hakoah's style of play and the team will be hard to beat there this season. **Frank Michel** had Hakoah playing a good brand of soccer, with moves being built up from Defence and the midfielders very active in carrying the ball forward and scoring goals.

That's maybe Hakoah's one weakness — the lack of a top front-runner. **Graham French** links up well with his midfielders, taking the ball and pushing quick return passes, but he lacks the sharpness to beat players and take half chances.

Winger **Lee Nagy** has been down on form this season and with possibly youngster **Branko Boznovski** on the other wing, Hakoah lacks penetration.

Dave Rigby has quickly settled down with his new club and is the general in midfield. It's the threat of **Rigby**, **Bill Jardine** and **Stuart Blair** coming from behind that will worry the Ajax defence.

Ajax has **Ian McCarthy** firing in midfield and player/coach **Bill Vojtek** will be a lot happier without having a man marking him, as **Brian Tuff** did the Ampol Cup final.

Steve Carr is a mobile and skilful player and will be more than a handful for **Anton Dosen**. However, **Steve Gash** is playing well at sweeper for Hakoah, and will be hard to pass.

Ajax may have a chance to exploit Hakoah on the left flank if **David Baker** plays at left back. No disrespect to Baker but he doesn't look comfortable and isn't fast enough at full back.

1978 results: Green Gully 0, Hakoah 4, Hakoah 1, Green Gully 0.

PREDICTION: One goal win for Ajax

ALTONA v SUNSHINE at Kim Reserve, Altona

Sunday, April 8,

3 pm.

Because Altona and Sunshine are geographically close, there is a strong rivalry between the clubs. The competitive spirit may not be as fierce as a Croatia v Makedonia

donie clash, but the rivalry still rumbles on.

Altona claimed Sunshine's scalp during this season's Ampol Cup but last season Sunshine came out on top, drawing 1-1 at home and defeating Altona 2-1 at away.

Altona struggled last season but this year has taken bold steps to upgrade the club's playing staff.

Harry Hird was the first player to be imported and now **Harry Caw** and **Stuart Connell** will join from **Frankston**, also has been signed by Altona.

It's essential for Altona to make a good start in the league to justify such a recruiting programme. To fail this season would ruin Altona's spirit, especially when the club survived last season on a shoestring budget, with a small squad.

Sunshine has adopted policy of letting youngsters progress through the ranks.

Already several good players have been unearthed. **Andy Espanioli** and **Jimmy Christoudis** have been impressive in recent games and **Dennis Marovic**, **John McNally** and **Michael Paisley** (a recent transfer from Werribee) will improve with experience.

Sunshine also has many good, experienced players. A lot has been said about the class of **Nick Lowe**, and the **Nelson** brothers

Rob and Dave are tough and skilful.

Full backs **Hugh Howe** and **Mike Dixey** are consistent defenders, and **Wif Leling**, when fit again, will give the team creativity up front.

Sunshine has injury worries at the moment, which could dog the team in early games. **Laing**, **Jim McRobert** and **Nick Cook** are on the side lines.

Both sides play a forceful brand of soccer but could nullify each other.

PREDICTION: A score draw.

JUVENTUS v FRANKSTON at Olympic Park

Sunday, April 8,

3 pm.

After a very slow start to the season, Juventus has emerged from its shell of poor form. The arrival of strikers **George Gillan** and **Bobby McGuinness** must have had a lot to do with Juventus' rise.

Even though Juventus' support would have to agree that last season Juve had no forward line, as a result the team struggled.

Gillan and **McGuinness** must fire if Juve's on-field progress is to match the behind-the-scenes work for re-building. Juventus wants to regain its massive support of yesteryear. No amount of publicity of gimmicks will get the crowds back as effectively as a winning team would.

Juventus' last championship win was in 1970. The Italian-backed club is a long shot for this season's championship, but **Tony Boggi**'s men can achieve a lot.

Frankston may field former Manchester Utd defender **Tony Young** who arrived in Australia last Thursday. Young was playing with non-league Runkin before signing for Frankston.

Also expected before the season starts are **Bruce Young** and **Paul Martin**. Bruce Young is a winger and Martin a centre forward. They will boost Frankston's forward line, which has been carried by **Noel Mitten** of late.

Like Juventus, Frankston needs success on the field to boost the club's profile off the field. The signing of **Martin Peters** as a guest player is a bold move by Frankston. Club officials will be hoping the team is playing well during Peters' stay.

Frankston hopes to have its away game with Slavia on May 20. **Martin Peters** arrives on May 11 and Frankston wants to play as many home games as possible during his stay.

Coach Freddy Bunc has had his share of problems with Frankston and still the team will have to improve if it wants to be up with the leaders.

1978 results — Juventus 1, Frankston 2, Juventus 0, Frankston 0.

PREDICTION: A draw.

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NO LUCK IN SUCCESS, SAYS WINNER VOJTEK

By
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There's one room in the Vojtek household which doesn't get considered when it comes to redecorating.

That room, which resembles a mini soccer museum, is invariably the centre of attention of Billy Vojtek's guests.

Covering three of the four walls are medals, trophies, pennants, photographs, badges and other souvenirs collected and won during Billy's distinguished soccer career.

And after 18 years at the top of Victorian club football, plus numerous successful trips into the international arena, Billy has an impressive collection.

Green Gully Ajax's recent Ampol Cup victory brought much satisfaction to Vojtek, in his first season as a player/coach. After the final against Slavia he skipped about "boyishly" with the enthusiasm of a youngster who's just won a school prize.

The truth is, Vojtek now has six Ampol Cup winners' medals, which is easily a record for the 25-year-old night competition. He also has the record of completing a hat-trick of Ampol Cup wins. He was with Essendon Croatia when that club took the Ampol Cup in 1977 and '78, and of course made it three in a row with Ajax.

Success has followed Vojtek since he burst into senior soccer in 1961. However, Bill maintains success doesn't follow a player, the player chooses it.

"I've won a lot of medals," he said, "but nothing has come easy. Success is what you work hard for, and you only stay successful if you keep working hard."

"Success is not from being lucky either. You make your own luck by working hard. I've always said luck goes with knowledge."

Bill can remember winning his first trophy in 1959. He was awarded the best and fairest trophy for Essendon under 13 team. His brother Jimmy, played in the same team.

In between his 1959 award and his most recent success, he won two Dockey Cup winners' medals (once runner-up), a State League Cup winners' medal, two State League championships, an Australian Inter-cities Ampol Cup winners' medal (twice runner-up) and the Bill Fleming Medal for the best and fairest in the State League.

His incredible Ampol Cup record began in 1968.

Croatia defeated Slavia 2-1 after extra time with Vojtek scoring the winner.

It was the final major honour for the club's hero, Billy. "The Ampol Cup started a great year for us because we went on to win the championship and the Dockey Cup."

In 1969 Croatia was defeated by South Melbourne in Vojtek's only Ampol Cup final loss.

"We lost 2-1," he said, "but it wasn't bad considering Duncan McKay was sent off and we had to play with 10 men."

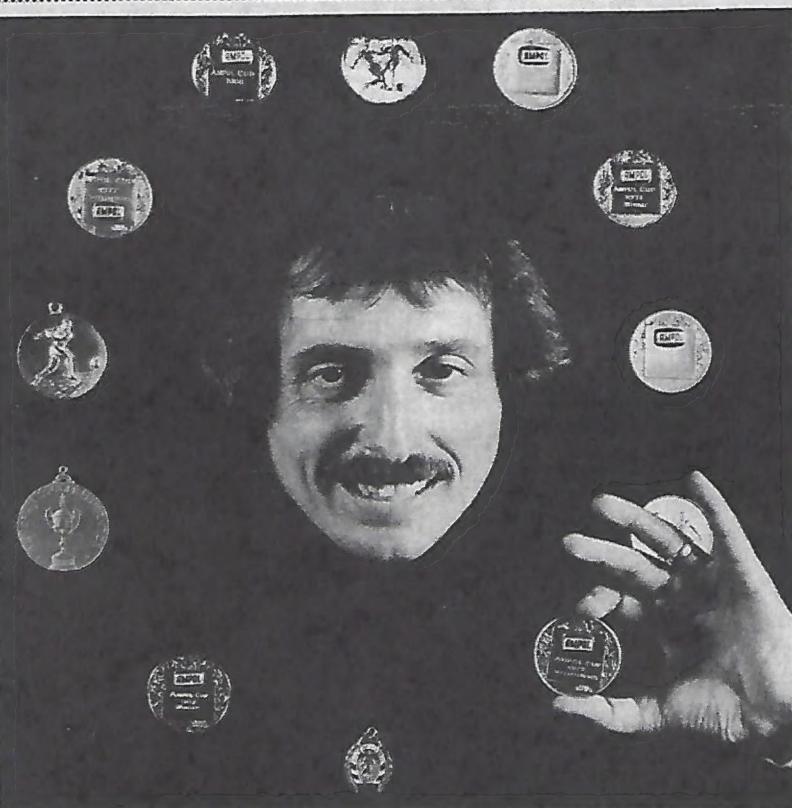
In 1971 Croatia had a memorable victory over Footscray. The replay was 5-1 and Vojtek scored two goals.

The following year Croatia needed a replay to record the club's third Ampol Cup success.

Croatia drew 3-3 with George Cross, but won the replay 3-0. Then came Croatia's expulsion from the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Billy moved to Sydney to play with Sydney Croatia, and it was after a successful season with Juventus Melbourne that he returned to Croatia, which had regrouped and worked its way back into the State League.

In 1977, Vojtek won his fourth Ampol Cup when Croatia



Ajax player coach Billy Vojtek with some of the many medals he has won during his distinguished career. Picture by LES O'ROURKE.



Vojtek (left) with John Perin and Peter Wilson in Kavala during the Socceroos' 1970 World tour.

defeated George Cross 3-1. The fifth came in 1978 when Croatia edged out Preston Makedonia on penalties.

Although Bill rates Croatia's 1968 win as his most memorable, Ajax's triumph has special significance.

"Nobody realises how hard it is to be a player/coach," he said. "I hardly slept for days before the final because I wanted to win so much, and because as coach I have extra responsibility."

And when it came to penalties Vojtek put work overtime to keep cool.

The first penalty in the showdown is vital," said Bill. "I took the first penalty kick to make sure we got a good start, but to be honest, I'm not very good at penalty kicks. The last time I took a penalty I missed it, and I missed a few before that."

Many players get scared, and don't want to take penalties. I scored the penalty against Slavia, which was important to me personally as well as my team."

Goalscoring, however, has always been natural for Bill. He scored around 200 goals in club soccer and around 30 in representative matches for Victoria and Australia.

Bill remembers his effort of 1969 when he won \$100 for being top goalscorer in a six-a-side competition organised by Channel 9.

Speaking of six-a-side, Bill has achieved success playing with AR Split in various tournaments in Victoria. Split claims to be the uncrowned six-a-side champion of Victoria.

It was playing for AR Split he met up with Mick Klarin, the giant Ajax defender. Klarin played with Heidelberg Utd's Second Division team last season, and at one stage was in the reserves.

But Billy spotted his talent and started a rags to riches story.

Vojtek made his debut for Victoria in 1965 against Roma of Italy. His career with the State team spanned 11 years. His last game was against Velez Mostar of Yugoslavia.

Australia also had many players who impressed Vojtek. He selects his top 20.

Goalkeepers: Ron Corry, Roger Romanowicz, Jim Fraser.

Defenders: Col Curran, Stan Ackers, George Keith, Alan Marnoch, Peter Wilson, John Nekic.

Middlefielders: Alan Westwater, Jimmy Ronney, John Doyle, Frank Micic, Ray Richards.

Forwards: Atti Abonyi, Ray Zaartz, John Warren, Adrian Alston, Tommy McColl, George Blues.

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ROVERS HIRE CRAIG

Peter Craig is the new coach of Victorian Second Division club Doncaster Rovers.

Craig accepted the position at Doncaster after previous coach **Norm Hobson** resigned for personal reasons.

Hobson, a former coach of Croydon, lifted Doncaster from the Fourth to the Second Division in successive years after becoming coach in 1977.

Craig is a former coach of Waverley City and Box Hill. He played for Hearts in Scotland before coming to Australia to play for Box Hill.

His successes at Box Hill included winning the Cumberland Cup and the Second Division championship in 1976.

Doncaster kicks off its first season in the Second Division against Waverley City at Donvale on Saturday.

Rovers will have the Doncaster and Templestowe Municipal Band playing before the game and at half time.

Doncaster had a quiet weekend in preparation for the league kick off but the club's third team played a friendly against Box Hill third.

The Hillmen won 5-3 with goals from **Peter Verechia** (2), **Bob Longford** and **Lay**. Rovers scored an own goal.

McIntosh (2) and **Jackson** put the ball in the Rover net.

Doncaster's under 14 'A' team had an amazing victory against Fawkner. Playing with only nine players, Rovers won 2-1 with two goals from **Biff**.

MARMUR JOINS ARDEER

Former Polonia star defender **Eddy Marmur** (pictured) has joined Victorian First Division club Ardeer.

He will play in the first round of the league at the weekend.

Thompson to switch

Green Gully Ajax full back **Joe Thompson** wants to leave the club.

Thompson was unhappy about being excluded from the Ajax team for the Ampol Cup final. Thompson played in five preliminary matches during the Cup series but was dropped for the semi final, and not included even as a reserve for the final.

Any interested clubs can contact Joe on 309 7210 after hours.

Ajax boys need coach

Green Gully Ajax is looking for a coach for its under 11B team.

Anyone interested should contact **Charlie Venes** on 393 2415 (work).

Cup final

referee

LONDON, Ron Challis, 46, a magazine production manager from Tonbridge, Kent, will be in charge of the FA Cup final at Wembley on May 12.

Mr Challis, a league referee for 11 years, was linesman for the 1975 final.

One of Makedonia's imports, John Higham, heads clear over Stewart Blair of Hakoah.



Frankston City brothers Vince (left) and Ged Bannon stand by as Croydon prepares to take a corner.

Provisional league

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP results. Sunbury 1, Geelong 4, Thomastown 1, Bendigo City 0, Melton 3, Williamstown 4, North Geelong 5, Carlton 1, Nunawading United 1, Brunswick 0, University of Melbourne 3, South Dandenong 3 (AET) (University of Melbourne won 4-3 on penalties) Moi United 2, Hawthorn United (AET) (Moi United won 5-4 on penalties) Hawthorn 1, Royal Park 1 (Hawthorn won 7-6 on penalties).

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Second round matches

GG — AJAX 5 WESTERN SUBURBS 2

Scorers Carr 27, 69, 91, Vojtek 104, Sagi 109 (Gully); Moore 25, 50 (W. Subs).

Ajax: Denmyss, Donaldson, Cain, Larin, Patten, Vassallo, McCarthy, Vojtek, Perkin, Carr, Segi.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitandis, (retired int. 94th), Kypriditis, Jaworski, Glykokalamos, Dagles, Christodoulis (Skoriss 65th) Moore, Czaplinski, Santangeli (Hembale 46th), Pocock, Theodorides. Referee: Lou Hammes.

Steve Carr netted a hat-trick as Green Gully Ajax were stretched to extra time on their way to the Docketry Cup.

The Ampol Cup winners relaxed visibly after hitting the front in the 27th minute and they paid the penalty as Western Suburbs equalised and then took the lead after the restart.

Carr's opening goal illustrated the striker's sharpness in the six yard box. **Willie Pocock**'s short throw-in on the right flank was pummeled into the area by **Andy Segi** and Carr moved like lightning to get to the end of it and head home past a stranded **Mitandis**.

Western Suburbs' two goals came from dead ball situations.

They equalised only two minutes after Gully's goal. **Steve Moore** took the free kick from outside the penalty area and the shot deflected into the net off a defender.

Moore stood out as Western Suburbs' best player. He backed his front runner when the team was going forward and was always ready to have a go at goal himself.

His second goal five minutes after the break also came from a free kick, this time awarded for **Ian McCarthy's** foul on **Ray Pocock**. Moore's kick evaded the badly organised wall and the ball hit the upright on its way in the net.

Man of the match was **Peter Donaldson**. The Gully full back, facing stiff opposition from **Stan Klein** and **Joe Thompson** for the first team spot, played like his life depended on it.

His tackling was superb and his control of the right side gave Gully an avenue of attack. Late in the match he was unlucky not to end up on the score sheet with a scorching 30 metre shot.

GEORGE CROSS 1 SLAVIA 3

Scorers: Mizzi 2 (Cross), Aldridge 19, Paton 41, Williams 58 (Slavia).

GEORGE CROSS: Rice, Cutajar, Maitland, Wilkinson (Rizzo 46th), Barron, Castillo, Miral, Paparas, Thom, Bilusic, (Sciciliano 46th), Mizzi.

SLAVIA: McPherson, Thompson, Westley, Yzendoorn, Pye, Brindle, Train, Tufi, Aldridge (Monaghan 78th) Paton, Williams.

Referee: Chris Brimbridge.

George Cross will step up their search in the transfer market after struggling through most of this match.

Coach **Johnny Sanchez** had a meeting behind closed doors with president **Paul Borg** and team manager **Vince Muscat** after the match and emerged declaring that the club is chasing six players locally.

"We might get two, or we might get four but we are trying to sign six players at present," he said. "What you saw out there was a makeshift side because we haven't got the players.

Yet this 'Cross line-up had only three changes from the side that beat Slavia in the Ampol Cup three weeks ago.

Gerry Rice played in goal in place of **Sveti Matson** (out with a throat infection). Jim Paparas slotted into midfield instead of **Frank Mifaud**, and **Laurie Bilusic** came in for **Steve Sandomo**.

Cross hit the front with their first attack. **Robert Mirak** beat two defenders before crossing for **Ray Mizzi** to net from close range.

Slavia, playing in an old Victorian State strip borrowed before the match because of a colour clash, slowly settled into their rhythm and gained the upper hand.

Despite the present state of affairs **Sanchez** is not disheartened and expects to do well in the league. "We want to win it," he said as we walked out of the dressing rooms. — PETER DESIRA

Derek Barron came closest for Cross, skimming the crossbar from a free kick but the battle had already been won and lost by then.

Coach Harry Chalikis brought on Brian Monaghan in place of Aldridge — a move which far pleased the latter who had worked hard.

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Sunbury to meet a PSL team?

The club's ground at Langama Park is now fully floodlit and Sunbury wants to play a night game against a top team to mark the opening.

The match would be on a Wednesday night, but the date or opponent is yet to be confirmed.

In other news, Sunbury has

Frankston 3 Croydon 2

Scorers: Croydon - Lowrey 53rd, 74th, Frankston - Swinscoe 73rd, Mitten 80th, Campbell 7th.

Ground: Green Gully Reserve

Crowd: 1100 (double header)

Weather: warm with breezes

Cautions: Taylor (F), Mcclusky (F), Trout (C)

Referee: Evan Valentine 7

FRANKSTON: Paterson 7, V. Williams 6, Mcclusky 5, Adams 7, Taylor 4 (Campbell 82nd min), Young 6.5, Webster 6 (Parrott 82nd min), 6, Bannon 7, Coulson 6.5, Mitten 9, Swinscoe 6. Total: 70.

CROYDON: Morton 5, Spinelli 7, Mccombe 8, Pongho 6, Hobson 8, Lowrey 8, Sinclair 8, Smith 7, Trout 7, Hamilton 6, Broghan 7. Total: 71.

In two successive games, Frankston has been the inferior team, yet has won both games. This is not being unfair to Frankston, as supporters and probably players would agree with the judgement.

Last week, in the Docketry Cup second main round, Frankston defeated Sunshine City 4-3 after trailing 2-3 with four minutes remaining.

Frankston again waited until the dying stages of the game to hit the lead against Croydon. It was a goal in the 89th minute from **Norris Campbell**, after some brilliant work by **Noel Martin**, which gave Frankston the match.

To play badly and still win is a good sign. The success-starved Baysiders would no doubt be prepared to continue playing badly if it meant winning a few trophies.

One thing is obvious about Frankston. The team's defence is as good as any in the competition.

Goalkeeper **John Taylor**, at full back, and **Danny Mcclusky** playing as sweeper, gave away countless free kicks. Both were booked early in the game and Mcclusky now faces suspension after collecting three yellow cards this season.

Taylor hasn't the creativity as an attacker or the solid defensive powers of **Vince Bannon**, Frankston's right back. Taylor is playing a negative game, but struggling to contain opponents.

Mcclusky is going through a bad patch. He can play better than this. At full back his distribution is woeful and he's failing to give the Frankston defence depth, which a sweeper should.

In the second half, Frankston resorted to playing the offside trap, which didn't come off at all.

Croydon's second goal came because the Frankston back four were standing square appealing for an offside decision instead of playing naturally.

In midfield Frankston included former Manager and Vird player **Tony Young**. He did well in managing his team in the contray only three days before the game. He impressed with his ability to spot runs early and make good use of the ball. He displayed class by rarely being caught in possession, and playing the easy ball, then supporting a team mate.

An important substitution by Frankston coach **Fraddy Bunce** paved the way for Mitten's match-winning effort. Bunce put on **Campbell**, a striker, in place of midfielder **Keith Webster**. Up until then Frankston had played with two strikers but with Campbell taking some pressure off Mitten, Frankston had a striking weapon.

Mitten made the winning goal with a fine burst through the heart of the Croydon defence. Mitten glided into the penalty area past several Croydon defenders. He shaped as though he was going to shoot, but slipped the ball square to **Campbell**, who finished the move.

Croydon had the game until the defence lapsed. It had played such as **Joe Trout**, **Pat Lowrey** and **Dave Broghan** who were able to beat opponents. Frankston lacked this individuality.

Croydon was more impressive going forward, playing with purpose. Frankston's two strikers — **Kevin Swinscoe** and **Mitten** — battled gamely for most of the encounter.

The windy conditions marred the first half, and there were only two clear cut scoring chances as the teams went in at half time at 0-0.

The wind abated in the second 45 minutes, allowing more constructive play.

Lowrey put Croydon into the lead with a 20 metre shot in the 53rd minute.

A bad back pass by **Alan Pongho** put a goal to Frankston.

After Mitten pressed goalkeeper **Ray Morton**, and won the ball, **Swinscoe** had the simple task of tapping home an open goal. Full marks to Mitten for selfless play.

Lowrey headed Croydon back into the lead after a mistake by **Frank Petersen**. Frankston played for offside, but was beaten by **Gary Hobson's** diagonal ball.

Mike Sinclair ran on the blind side, and hit a hard cross which **Petersen** fumbled only to see Lowrey head home two metres out.

It was an unfortunate mistake by **Petersen**, who saved Frankston on several occasions during the game.

Mitten made it 2-2 when he headed home a **Willie Coulson** corner. — KYLE PATTERSON

Victorian Dockerty Cup

CROATIA 0 (won 6-5 on pens) AJAX 0

Ground: Anderson Road, Sunshine
Crowd: 2200 (Double header)
Weather: Cool with showers
Caution: Short, Adams, Kokoska, Murphy (C), Vojtek (A).

Referee: Tony Beazley 4. ESSENDON CROATIA: Blasby 7, Short 6, Cain 5, Kotsopoulos 6, Short 6, Adams 7, Murphy 7, Cummings 8, Glider 6, Cullen 6. Total: 71. GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 8, Donedson 6, Klarin 6, Cain 8, Patten 7, Vojtek 7, Vassallo 5, McCarthy 7, Segi 6, Carr 6, Pavlikovic 5. Total: 71.

Essendon Croatia gained some measure of revenge when it knocked Ajax out of the Dockerty Cup but achieved the victory with little style.

Croatia won on penalties after 110 minutes of physical and often violent play. Both sets of players were on edge and as a result six players were booked. Five of the players cautioned received the punishment after foul tackles.

These players were Steve Short, Steve Kokoska, Keith Adams, Ken Murphy and Bill Vojtek. Steve Carr of Ajax was cautioned for dissent.

Croatia had four players booked compared with Ajax's two. The balance gives an indication as to which side was the initial aggressor (or more precisely, the culprit) during the game.

Croatia played a hard-hitting game, which had a marked effect on Ajax. Bill Vojtek's boys were playing their third game in a week. What's more, all three games v Slavia (Ampol Cup final v

Why Valli stays out

Hakoah-St Kilda full back Chris Valli is not in dispute with the club, as was mistakenly reported in "Soccer Action" last week.

Valli is not playing because his time is taken up doing shift work in his job.

Western Suburbs (Dockerty Cup) and v Croatia (Dockerty Cup) - went to extra time, which put tremendous strain on the stamina of Green Gully.

Most of Ajax's players have plenty of bruises from the battle against Croatia. But Ajax gave back a large percentage of what it received, although Ian McCarthy and Vojtek took a lot of punishment.

Both players were subjected to behind-the-plays attention, which is an ugly part of soccer. Even when winning is all-important, these tactics shouldn't be used.

Croatia had several good chances with Ken Murphy in particular finding space in the forward area.

But John Cain and Lou Denys were in fine form. Cain swept up constantly in defence and anything that got past found Denys in brilliant touch in goal.

Despite Croatia's slight advantage, Ajax seemed to have the clear-cut chances. Steve Kokoska missed and the ball fell to Andy Segi. With time and space, he hit a shot which cannoned off the post.

Later, Joe Pavlikovic a former Croatian junior playing his first game for Ajax, got the ball into the net only to have referee Tony Beazley disallow the goal.

The penalty showdown was dramatic and the advantage fell to Green Gully before Croatia finally clinched the match. Here's how the scoring went:

1-0 Vojtek (Ajax)
2-1 Culina (Croatia)
3-2 McCarthy (A)
4-1 Cullen (C) saved
3-3 Carr (A)
4-2 Adams (C)
5-3 Segi (A) saved
3-3 Vassallo (C)
5-4 Smart (C)
5-5 Donedson (C)
5-6 Cummings (C)
5-7 Pavlikovic (A) saved
5-8 Blasby (C)

During the penalty showdown, the crowd invaded the pitch. The highlights were Peter Blasby twice saving John Cain's spot kicks after denying Segi. Had Segi scored, Ajax almost certainly would have been home and hoisted.

The tension was too much for young Pavlikovic, and he shot his spot kick straight at Blasby. Ante Blasby scored with his shot, and Croatia was through to the semi-finals.

POLONIA 0 SLAVIA 5

Scorers: Paton 25th, 35th pen., 44th, 70th, Whiteside 80th.

Ground: Anderson Road, Sunshine
Crowd: 2200 (double header)

Weather: cool with showers
Caution: Stuart, Melling 8

PRAHRAN SLAVIA: McPherson 7, Thompson 8, Yendzurov 8, Westley 6, Pye 7, Tuft 6 (Whiteside 73rd min), Train 7, Brindle 6, Williams 8, Paton 8 (Monaghan 73rd min), Aldridge 9. Total: 83.

POLONIA: Sorokowski 7, Wozala 4, Peter 5 (Herman 5, half time), Gawkil 7, Raczkowski 4, Hornak 6, Kotter 6, Czaprak 6, Espoito 6, Fawcett 6 (Lakic 6, half time), Pitcher 6. Total: 63.

The Slavia goal machine Jamie Paton continued on his merry way with four more goals. He now has the incredible record of 14 goals from 10 games!

For those statistically-minded soccer fans, that's 1.4 goals a game. If Paton continues scoring at his present rate, he'll bag around 50 goals this season!

A breakdown of his goalscoring goes like this: v Frankston 0, v Croatia 0, v George Cross 0, v Altona 3, v Green Gully 1, v Crookston 3, v Green Gully 1, v Kellar City 1, v George Cross 1, v Polson 4.

Against Polonia, Paton scored one goal from the penalty spot. However, he won the spot kick by forcing Polonia centre half John Peter to foul him after working well into a goalscoring position.

Paton scored a penalty goal against Kellar City but the remaining

MAKEDONIA 5 HAKOAH 2

Scorers: Makedonia - Petrovski 26th, McMillan 69th, Cullen 91st, Ward 98th, 110th. Hakoah - French 42nd, 73rd.

Ground: Green Gully Reserve

Crowd: 1100 (double header)

Weather: warm with breezes

Caution: Dosen, Daperis, Blair (H)

Referee: Nick Karlitch 6

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Kastner 6, Rainey 6, Gathwaite 78th min), Beech 6.5, Petrovski 7, Petrov 6 (Ward 7, half time), Flavelle 6.5, Cullen 7, McMillan 7, Faulkner 8. Total: 71.5

HAKOAH ST. KILDIA: Whiteside 5, Daperis 6, Gadsby 7, Dosen 6.5 (Baker 8, Rigby 7 (Gibson 78th min), Blair 6, Jordana 6.5, Loh 1 (Edmondson 37th min), French 7, Bozhnovski 7. Total: 70.

Although Dave Rigby wasn't having an outstanding game, his exit from the Hakoah team seemed to start a slide which led to the St. Kilda club conceding three goals in the extra time period.

Rigby was taken off 1.2 minutes before the end of normal time, and replaced by Ian Gibson.

Hakoah lost momentum after this substitution, after having its best spell in the middle of the second half.

In the extra time period, Hakoah was a shadow of the team it was during normal time, and the game was as good as finished when Robert Cullen took home a cut-back from newcomer Gary Ward in the first minute of extra time. After that goal, Hakoah became unco-ordinated.

The match had many twists and turns as each side tried to gain the upper hand. In the opening 20 minutes, Hakoah looked set for a hiding, as several players were upset and unable to settle down.

During this period, Anton Dosen and John Daperis had his name taken.

However, Hakoah was able to shrug off the indifferent start and play some good soccer later.

Twice Hakoah came from a goal down, only to crumble in extra time.

However, youngster Branko Bozhnovski showed he is ready for a regular place in the team on the left wing.

He came up against the experienced Mike Rainey but acquitted himself extremely well.

Bozhnovski has great ball skills

and confidence for such a young player and wasn't set back by Rainey's robust challenges.

He combined well with the

Ljubo Bozhnovski opened the scoring for Makedonia when he got on the end of a Beech cross. Beech challenged well for the ball but Hakoah must wonder how it lost the ball in its own area.

That goal came in the 26th minute, but was cancelled out 10 minutes later.

In the first half, Petrov was picking up Rigby. However, he was replaced at half time, which gave Rigby more room in the second half.

Anton Dosen did a fat job on

George McMillan, restricting him in the defensive area in front of goal. But the Makedonia forward escaped once and scored a goal.

Dosen misjudged the bounce of the ball, and McMillan turned, ran 10 yards, then hit a good shot low at Billy Whiteside. The shot was far from unstoppable, but Whiteside dived over the ball. From such long range, he should have saved the shot.

However, Hakoah equalised when French scrambled the ball away from John Higham, and flicked it to Bill Jordana. Jordana shot at Loh Kastner from close range, but Kastner saved. The ball then fell to French, who hooked it home.

Immediately, Makedonia coach

Tony Vrzina decided to replace Higham, who was playing his first game. He did a good job as sweeper, but his error obviously didn't please Vrzina.

Ward came from nowhere to set up Makedonia's win. Capitalising on a mistake by Steve Gadshay, he slipped in behind the defence and cut the ball back to Cullen, who poked home.

Cullen returned the compliment by laying on a goal for Ward soon after. Ward's second came after a pass from McMillan. - KYLE PATTERSON

Webb now \$1500

The Victorian Soccer Federation Appeals Board has slashed \$2,500 off the transfer fee George Cross placed on defender John Webb.

The new figure on Webb is \$1500. George Cross originally demanded \$4,000.

Webb will return to Kellar Austria, the club he coaches. Webb coached Austria last season while still playing with George Cross.

George Cross has signed a player from Scotland. He's Michael Williams, a midfielder or forward, who made several appearances for Premier League club Hibernian.

He played also for Spartans Utd in South Africa, and is 23 years old.

The Cross failed in a bid to sign Hull City player Chris Simpkin, a former team mate of George Cross defender Billy Wilkinson.

Simpkin was offered terms by non-league Scarborough in England, and so overlooked George's bid.

George Cross is still searching for forwards. Ian Tuffield of Box Hill is one player the Cross is interested in.

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midfielders his crosses into the middle goal area to be a dangerous weapon.

At present, Bozhnovski concentrates mainly on coming deep to link up with the midfielders. Once he has more aggression and strength, he will be able to give good service to Graham French.

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Loh made his debut for Hakoah after reports that he had joined the club from Waverley City as long as three months ago.

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The world of soccer . . . the world of soccer

Koreans pull out of cup

Indonesia has replaced North Korea in the finals of the world youth championships for the Coca-Cola Cup.

North Korea withdrew from the competition, to be staged in Japan from August 25 to September 7.

Groupings are:

GROUP A: Japan, Spain, Mexico, Algeria

GROUP B: Poland, Yugoslavia, Argentina, Indonesia

GROUP C: Canada, Portugal, Paraguay, Korea Republic (5th Korea)

GROUP D: USSR, Hungary, Uruguay, Guinea

Quarter-finals will be played in Mitsubishi on September 2, semi-finals in Tokyo on September 4 and the final in Tokyo on September 7.

Programmes for the preliminary matches is:

Ban for Iwan

In news from Poland, striker Andrzej Szemiel wants to leave Stal Mielec and Wladek Krakow's Andrzej Iwan faces a ban after being involved in a bar brawl.



Mario Kempes (left) is jubilant after scoring for Argentina in the World Cup final. Kempes was voted South America's top player.

Kempes top Latin

Mario Kempes is the not surprising choice as South America's Footballer of the Year — the first time in eight years of the poll conducted by *El Mundo de Caras* that the prize has gone to a European-based player.

Kempes' World Cup achievements — top scorer, best player award, hitting two goals in the final — were the obvious reasons.

The Valencia striker, who is just now starting to show something

like his old form in the Spanish League after a long hard winter, totalled 78 points. Second was Argentine colleague Ubaldo Fillo, with 59, and third the Brazil midfielder Dirceu, on 48.

Yet Dirceu, like Kempes, has been having a tough time since the World Cup. Transferred from Vascoda Gama to America FC of Mexico, he couldn't get on with coach Raúl Cardenas. After refusing to play in a game against Monterrey, he was suspended

later earning a recall only as a striker.

1978 VOTING: 1. Mario Kempes (Valencia, Argentina) 78 pts. 2. Ubaldo Fillo (River Plate, Argentina) 59; 3. Dirceu (America FC, Brazil) 48; 4. Daniel Passos (River Plate, Argentina) 29; 5. Teodilo Cubillas (Alianza, Peru) 19; 6. Elías Figueroa (Palestino, Chile) 7; 7. Ricardo Bochini (Independiente, Argentina) 6; 8. Cesar Cueto (Alianza Peru) 5; 9. Roberto Rivellino (El-Hejal, Brazil) 4; 10. Osvaldo Ardiles (Tottenham, Argentina) 3.

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IRAQ WILL BE THREAT TO 'ROOS

Iraq joined the ranks of the Asian super teams by beating East Germany, Finland and Sweden in Baghdad recently.

The results are significant to Australia, because Iraq may be one of the Socceros' opponents in the 1981 World Cup qualifying series.

Iraq beat Finland 1-0 and 2-0 and Sweden 1-0. It drew 1-1 with East Germany and won the return match 2-1 three days later.

Meanwhile, Israel maintained its standing alongside Iran and Iraq as the best of the Middle East teams by beating Greece 4-1 two weeks after losing 1-0 to Austria.

Israel's goals against Greece were scored by Perez (3) and Schum with the reply coming from Mavros.

Iraq's winning goal against Sweden was scored by Hussein Saad who also scored

in the 1-1 draw with East Germany.

The latest list of full international results from "FIFA News":

1978

25-11 Grenada Grenada v Barbados 2-0 (1-0)

26-11 Grenada Grenada v Barbados 0-0 (0-0)

23-12 Manila Philippines v Mexico 1-2 (1-1)

25-12 Manila Korea Rep v Mexico 4-1 (3-0)

Manuel China PR v Philippines 3-0 (0-0)

27-12 Manila Philippines v Korea Rep. 0-0 (0-0)

Manuel Macao v China PR 12 (1-1)

29-12 Manila Philippines v China PR 1-0 (1-0)

1979

27-1 Manrovia Togo v Ivory Coast 1-0 (0-0)

28-1 Manrovia Liberia v Guinea 2-1 (1-0)

29-1 Manrovia Gabon v Ivory Coast 2-1 (0-1)

Baghdad Iraq v Finland 2-0 (2-0)

82 Tampico Mexico v USSR 1-1 (1-0)

92 Baghdad Iraq v Germany DR 1-1 (0-0)

122 Baghdad Iraq v German DR 2-1 (0-0)

142 Tel Aviv Israel v Greece 1-1 (3-1)

182 Nouakchott Mauritania v Morocco 2-2 (2-2)

Tunis Tunisia v Poland 0-0 (0-0)

232 Baghdad Iraq v Sweden 1-0 (0-0)

McClymont a hit with Stranraer

From JIM COOK

Billy McClymont the former Preston Makedonia midfielder is now playing with Scottish Second Division side — Stranraer. Billy recently scored two goals in 17 minutes.

Millwall, who have had their ground closed, drink sales banned and a 1500 pounds fine over terracing trouble-makers, could have an all-seater covered stadium costing 10 million pounds by 1982. The complex would be sponsored by a huge dairy business.

With catenaccio their shock weapon, Rocco brought Padova up into Series A before moving to Milan in 1961 and beginning the famous partnership with Gianni Rivera which would endure to the end.

All Milan's great successes in the past 20 years were Rocco's. It was his tough discipline which turned Milan from also-rans into champions in 1962 and European Cup-winners the following year.

Significantly, his departure in the summer of 1963 was soon followed by Millan's collapse and it was only after his return from a four-year stint at Torino in 1967 that Millan regained both the championship and the European title.

Another Cup-winners' Cup was claimed before Rocco moved on to Florentina in 1974.

Olympe
TEL AVIV — Belgium beat Israel 2-0 here in an Olympic qualifying match. Halftime: 0-0.

Will Laverie McManamy

quit Southampton in the near future? The genial Geordie has hinted unless the local council approve the building of a new 15 million pounds stadium he may leave the club at the end of the season. McMenemy, not long back turned down lucrative offers from both Sunderland and Leeds.

Three Yugoslavs are now in English First Division football. They are Ivan Golac the Southampton defender, Petar Borota the Chelsea goalkeeper and Bosco Jankovic the Middlesbrough forward.

Trevor Francis will live in a mansion, have five servants, a drive a Cadillac and earn twice as much money as he will all next year with Notts Forest when he plays summer soccer in USA.

David Shackleton, the 19-year-old son of that all-time English great Len Shackleton is joining Washington Diplomats.

Norwich City will have to battle through the rest of the season without their first and second team keepers — Kevin Keelan and Clive Baker — as both are out with injuries.

With relegation staring them in the face, Chelsea's players want Danny Blanchflower to continue permanently as manager. Danny only took the job on a caretaker basis.

Denis Rose, the 28-year-old skipper of Leicester City has made a transfer request to manager Jack Wallase. Rose, who has been seven years with Leicester, wants to get back into First Division football.

Peter Bonetti (38) who has given almost 20 years service to Chelsea, had seven caps for



Billy McClymont

England and been a member of the club's successful sides in the FA Cup, League Cup and European Cup-winners Cup, is retiring at the end of the season to move with his wife and family to Scotland where they will take over a pub on the Island of Mull. Bonetti played with Chelsea's touring side in Australia in 1963.

Ferenc Puskas the legendary Real Madrid and Hungary maestro has been suspended as manager of Greek club AEK Athens. No explanation was given although their quick K.O. from the European Cup by Notts Forest and their slide down the league table are thought to be the reason.

Bristol City are likely to sign Finnish international winger Pentti Jantunen and they are also interested in Ajax winger Geert Meijer.

Dr Peter Burrows, the England and Luton medical advisor collapsed and died while he was out on a jogging exercise.

He was 53.

Allen Simonsen Borussia's European Footballer of the Year may join Barcelona for 250,000 pounds. Meantime the Danish striker is suffering from a thigh strain.

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EAGLES CLAW THE SCOTS

Malita Eagles gave Arncliffe Scots a football lesson before winning 3-0 at Garside Park.

Midfielders Colin McAuland and Ray Ferrugia consistently opened wide gaps in a shaky Arncliffe defence.

Only some superb saves by Norm Rogers in the Arncliffe goal kept the scores down to a respectable margin.

It took only three minutes for Melita to take the lead when McAuland's cross from the Allan goal was hit by Don Allan for the first goal.

After taking two consecutive goals, Rogers was beaten again in the 14th minute, this time from a six-metre shot by Ferrugia from a cross by Brian Parker.

Melita continued to dominate the game after the interval and soon enough went further ahead. In the 61st minute talented fullback Bob McPherson skewed a shot from near the corner flag deceiving Rogers. The ball rolled into the net.

Croatia, after a scoreless first half, comfortably beat Avala 1-0 in their match at the Holden Bridge reserve.

The pattern for much of the game was set almost from the kick off.

Avala left-winger Allan Griffiths won the ball from fullback Peter Mullen to see his powerful shot hit the post.

In the 12th minute, Croatia could have opened their account, but centre-forward ATU Abonyi's header hit the cross bar.

In the 31st minute, Croatia goalkeeper Steve Mawson saved midfielder Peter Williams' shot from point blank range.

Croatia again almost scored in the 54th and 74th minutes, but fullback Steve Voller saved on the line both times.

Croatia opened the scoring in the 61st minute when left-winger Mauricio Sullivan beat a defender on the left, and sent a high ball to Abonyi on the right.

Abonyi lobbed the ball into the centre where front runner Frank Layden made no mistake with a beautiful back header.

Four minutes later Layden netted again, beating centre-half Rod O'Farrell and angling the ball past the keeper.

Croatia went further ahead in the 76th minute when Sullivan rounded fullback Mladen Ljajak and the keeper Mick Mikolajczyk.

Avala's consolation goal came in the 89th minute when front runner Eddie Patterson pushed the ball towards the goal. It hit the post and bounced into the net.

Avala should have made it 2-3 in the 89th minute, but Patterson's penalty kick was saved by Watson.

Complicated after securing an equalised goal, Marrickville Olympic a point in their 1-1 draw with Bankstown at Arlington Oval.

A confident Olympic side dominated the first half after tall forward Jim Ziros accurately headed home a free kick in the 19th minute.

But missed chances and a steady second-half revival by Bankstown forced Olympic to a draw.

Skillful build-ups were wasted by bad shooting.

This was highlighted shortly after half-time when Olympic's Ross Brown had only to beat the goalkeeper but kicked the wide of the goal.

A late substitution by Bankstown saw David Tansley head the equaliser with only ten minutes to go.

Olympic, shocked by the goal, fought desperately to retrieve the lead but three superb saves by goalie Tim Greedy kept the scores level.

State League leaders Sutherland were held to a two all draw by country rivals Inter Monaro at Quanabanyan.

Sutherland led 2-0 at half time and looked to have points, but Monaro fought back magnificently.

For Sutherland Craig Hall scored in the third minute and Jim Basterfield three minutes before half-time.

Walter Valeri pulled one goal back from the penalty spot and scored following a corner to put Inter Monaro level.

Sutherland striker Peter Beagles was sent off late in the game following a linesman's report.

Sutherland began confidently and only after three minutes Beagles beat Aldo Charles and crossed for Hall to flick in.

The competition leaders' midfield dominance kept Monaro under pressure, but Sutherland were not able to create many openings.

Monaro counter-attacked swiftly and carved a number of openings but goalie Phil Craggs pulled off some magnificent saves.

Just as Monaro looked likely to equalise, Basterfield scored with a dipping shot.

In the second half, Monaro pressed forward and after four chances had gone begging Valeri scored from the spot when a defender had handled the ball.

Valeri salvaged a point for Monaro with a well-taken goal in the 80th minute.

Auburn and Toongabbie staged an exciting 2-2 draw in their clash at Mona Park.

Auburn grabbed their first in 15th minute through a penalty by Willie Hamilton, and went two up in the 34th minute when their new signing Steve Montgomery scored his first goal for the club.

But the second half was a complete reversal with Toongabbie dominant from the outset.

In the 56th minute Steve Polkland defected a Dave Harding drive into the net, and two minutes later Alan Fisher scored to give Toongabbie a point.

For most of the first 30 minutes, play was concentrated in midfield with neither goalkeeper being tested.

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NSW State League

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Croatia 3 (Leyden 2, Sullivan) Avala 1 (Patterson) at Bridge Reserve. Crowd: 1855.

Bankstown 1 (Tansley) Marrickville Olympic 1, (Ziros) at Arlington. Crowd: 580.

Monaro 2 (Valeri 2) Sutherland 2 (Hall Bassettfield). Crowd: 927.

Malita 3 (Allan, Farrugia, McPherson) Arncliffe 0 at Garside Park. Crowd: 1650.

Ku-ring-gai 3 (Lee, Herron, Selfridge) Granville 1 (Roden) at Garside Park. Crowd: 279.

Manly 3 (Jack 2, Nawal) Yugal 1 (Rodas) at Cromer Park. Crowd: 480.

	W	D	L	F	A
Sutherland	2	1	4	4	5
Croatia	2	1	6	3	5
Toongabbie	1	2	7	4	4
Malita Eagles	1	2	5	2	4
Bankstown	1	2	5	4	4
Manly	1	1	4	3	3
Marrick Olympic	1	1	3	3	3
Auburn	2	1	6	7	2
Monaro	2	1	6	6	2
Kuringai	1	1	3	4	2
Arncliffe	1	1	2	3	2
Granville	1	2	4	6	2
Yugal	2	1	5	0	0
Avala	2	1	6	0	0

The early goal unsettled Ku-ring-gai, and Graville made inroads into the defence with forwards Morrow and Roden featuring prominently.

However, in the second half, Ku-ring-gai started to move the ball wide and put the Graville defence under pressure.

After forcing a series of corners nine minutes into the half, Grant Lee sent over a low centre for Graville's centre back for Eddie Patterson to miskick a clearance into his own net.

From here on with their confidence building, Ku-ring-gai took charge and the experience of veterans like Jimmy Herron was soon evident when he carried the ball to the byline before cutting back for Lee to score from close range.

A minute later, Herron again chased a weak back pass from Kevin Lackey to round the Graville goalkeeper, Barry Hoare and put his side into an unassailable 3-1 lead.

Graville never recovered from this shock and were unable to lift their game, allowing Ku-ring-gai to run out easy winners at the finish.

In the 52nd minute Roosie Rozendaal split the Yugal defence with a neat pass enabling Jack to put Manly into the lead.

Joe Nawal increased the lead for Manly in the 64th minute when he collected a loose ball following a header from Eddie Patterson.

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European scores

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP

IZMIR, TURKEY - Turkey and West Germany drew 0-0 in their European Championship Group Seven qualifying match here. Attendance: 50,000.

YUGOSLAVIA beat CYPRUS 3-0 (half-time 1-0) in their European Championship Group Three qualifying match here.

Scorers: Vavicic (2) and Sujadic (penalty). Attendance: 4,500.

Results of 24th round: Ascoli 1, Juventus 0.

Ascoli 0, Inter 1, Catanzaro 0, Bologna 0, Fiorentina 0, Torino 0, Parma 1, Roma 3, Vicenza 0, Torino 0, Parma 0, Verona 2, Lazio 0.

First Division results:

Milan 24 14 7 3 30 15 35

Pesaro 24 8 15 1 25 25 33

Inter 24 8 15 1 25 25 31

Torino 24 10 11 3 32 17 31

Juventus 24 10 10 4 27 15 30

Napoli 24 8 13 5 18 10 25

Lazio 24 8 9 7 29 32 25

Second Division results:

Olympique 26 20 2 4 45 21 42

Ajax 26 18 5 3 48 18 41

AEK 26 18 5 3 61 21 31

Panathinaikos 26 18 5 3 52 23 35

Prolepsis 26 13 7 6 58 27 31

Echizen 26 13 3 10 32 34 29

WEST GERMANY

Eintracht Braunschweig 5, Arminia Bielefeld 2, Borussia Dortmund 1, Borussia Mönchengladbach 1.

P W D L F A P

Kaiserslautern 24 14 8 2 54 28 36

Stuttgart 24 13 6 5 50 22 32

Heidenheim 24 13 6 5 54 24 31

Frankfurt 24 13 7 5 58 28 31

Bayern Munich 23 19 5 8 47 33 25

Cologne 23 8 9 6 52 27 25

Bremen 24 7 11 8 38 35 25

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

St Johnstone 24 17 5 8 50 30 38

Aberdeen 24 10 5 9 38 25 29

West Ham 24 9 9 6 28 25 27

Queens Park Rangers 24 9 9 6 28 25 27



The boys, and one girl - Helen Travasaras from Albury - at the last ASC course in Melbourne. At rear are coaches Jim Armstrong, Bobby McLachlan and Stuart Baxter.

And now Mallacoota

Australian Soccer Camps, having extended their activities into South Australia and Queensland, are moving also into Tasmania and into remote Mallacoota.

ASC's Victorian coaching director

Bobby McLachlan will fly to Mallacoota

at the weekend.

Response to McLachlan's visit is enthusiastic. Fourteen boys from as far away as Eden (100 miles) will attend his clinic, as well as about 40 locals.

ASC will again run its popular clinics during the May school holidays in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and, for the first time, in Tasmania.

Shepparton aiming high

"Unless we follow the professional approach we'd find it hard to compete."

"However, when the time comes for City to spend money on recruits we want to be playing in the best system, the promotion and relegation system of the Provisional League and maybe eventually even higher where it will be worthwhile," Ted Hogan said.

The club celebrated its 21st birthday in November 1977 and is a well established stable and administratively successful club.

Having recruited former Soccercoast Jim Armstrong and Jim Mackay, Shepparton's first two professional players in John Hopkins, Dave Theman, Denis Macaulay, Mark Farrar, Vince Lin and Hans Hauwert.

Club secretary Ted Hogan sees semi-professionalism as almost inevitable in the future.

"Had we remained in the NESL we would have had to 'buy' some players in the not too distant future anyway," Ted Hogan said.

"Several local clubs are already spending big, and I might say, rightly so."

As far as City's travelling goes Ted Hogan says only Moe and North Geelong, and only once each season, can be classed as "distant".

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G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001 (08) 332 5614



SECRETARY: G. Ursini (08) 31 0778

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington (08) 31 1844.

COLOURS: Black & White.

This week's Match: v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at Olympic Sports field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm

BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001
Club phone: 356 8834



SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

COACH: N. Saftich.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

SPONSOR: Montrose Wines & Spirits Pty Limited
Retail Cellar Sales, 398 Montrose Rd.
West End Brisbane. Phone 44 7320.

This week's match: v HEIDELBERG UNITED at (Olympic Park no.1 ground) Melbourne Sunday 3 pm

HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY: A. Loustas 419 2588.

COACH: J. Marqaritis.

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb. (03) 42 0642.

COLOURS: Black & Gold.

* GIRLS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST SHOULD CONTACT THE SECRETARY.

This week's match: v BRISBANE CITY at Olympic Park (No.1 ground) (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm



NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd., New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer



This week's match v ADELAIDE CITY Olympic Sports field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182



SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos, Bus (03) 211 1247

MANAGER: D. McLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's match: v BRISBANE LIONS at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm

WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311.

COACH: T. Forde.

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.



This week's match: v CANBERRA CITY at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 3 pm

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 4040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: J. Adam.

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe. Phone (02) 660 7431.

COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.



This week's match: v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Pratten Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD. 4077



SECRETARY: S. Boegheim (07) 377 2891

COACH: E. Spearritt.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne. (07) 52 5328.

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue Stripe.

This week's match: v SOUTH MELBOURNE at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm

CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600



SECRETARY: David Dillon 48 8917 (W) 54 1787 (L)

COACH: V. Fernandez

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

SPONSOR: BRIAN POLLOCK Ford

This week's match: v WEST ADELAIDE at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 3 pm

FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SPONSOR: JAT



SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St, Melb (03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Blue White Red.

This week's match: v SYDNEY CITY at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176



SECRETARY: L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.

This week's match: v ST GEORGE at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.



GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: J. Gelei.

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.

This week's match: v MARCONI at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000



SECRETARY: N Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661.

COACH: J. Marston.

GROUND: Pratten Park, Ashfield.

SPONSOR: epatra

This week's match: v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT at Pratten Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.



SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker (02) 30 3344

(Mornings).

663 4576 (Afternoons).

COACH: G. Chaldi.

GROUND: Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW

Phone (02) 660 7431.

SPONSOR: PRESTO SMALLGOODS and City Ford.

This week's match: v FOOTSCRAY at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm